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Timisoara.

1. Prior to late October 1951, a block west of the center of the city of Timisoara (R 16/T 91) was occupied by Soviet officers' dependents. Paris Street led through this quarter of the city. The city park was located south of the block. Between July and early October 1951, the civilian residents were also evacuated from numerous houses on Bulv. Eroii-Dela-Stalingrad in the northeastern sector of the city. [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] In August 1951, tank units approaching from the south were observed crossing the central sector of the city and proceeding towards the north. (1)
2. The construction of cantonment buildings on a former market-place near Unirii Square in the central sector of the city was started in the spring of 1951. In October 1951, about 40 cantonment buildings of various sizes were observed there. [REDACTED] either Rumanian troops or Rumanian labor service personnel were to be accommodated in this cantonment. 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Rumanians, Serbs, Hungarians and ethnic Germans were drafted into the armed forces. However, ethnic Germans were eligible only if they had not relatives in Germany and were considered reliable from political point of view. The majority of the ethnic Germans, the politically unreliable individuals and the sons of former wealthy Rumanian families were drafted into the labor service. [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] belonged to the 1930 class, was drafted into the armed forces in April 1951. 25X1  
[REDACTED] members of the 1929 and 1930 classes were inducted in June or July 1951.
4. In August 1951, [REDACTED] an old barracks installation quartering a Soviet unit on the northern perimeter of the city, on the east side of the road to Arad (R 16/U 16). No details were known. In September 1951, [REDACTED] tanks were parked in the Jagdwald northeast of the city. 25X1  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Sannicolaul Mare.

25X1 5. In May 1951, [ ] a fuel depot with seven tanks located directly beside the Sannicolaul Mare (Y 7/T 55) branch railroad station referred to as small railroad station (Kleinbahnhof) [ ] 25X1

25X1 During the war there were only three tanks there. The fuel tanks were painted yellow and were about 6 meters in diameter and about 8 meters high. The tanks were connected by pipe lines and other pipes led from the tanks to the railroad station. The tanks were refilled continuously. The fuel was used for tractors. [ ] this fuel depot also supplied military units.

Jimbolia.

[ ] 6. [ ] the number of the border guard troops observed during a visit to Jimbolia (Y 7/T 52) in July 1951, at 250 men. The soldiers wore green epaulets mounting a small metal disk inscribed Gr and had light colored cap bands. They were billeted in private houses. (3)

Cenadul Mare.

7. Prior to early September 1951, about 200 Rumanian border guard troops were accommodated in private billets in Cenadul Mare (Y 7/T 46). The soldiers wore the border guard troop insignia, described in paragraph 6, on their garrison caps and on their green epaulets. Light machine guns and teams of horses were observed with the troops. Wire entanglements and trace strips were observed on the Yugoslav border. The militia in Cenadul Mare wore blue gray uniforms, white-bordered epaulets and service caps with Soviet star emblems.

Pecul Nou.

8. Three days after the resettlement of 104 ethnic German families on 18 June 1951, a Rumanian unit of about 200 men arrived at Pecul Nou (R 16/Y 89) from the direction of Timisoara by train. The soldiers had to help with the harvest. In early September 1951, the unit was entrained and departed in the direction of Timisoara. (4)

Parta.

9. In August 1951, after the completion of two cantonment buildings Rumanian soldiers started working at three building sites directly northeast of a small woods, about 1 km west of Parta (R 16/Y 89). Residents believed pill boxes were constructed there. The building sites, which were camouflaged with branches, were about 3 meters square. The farmers ordered to deliver building material were not allowed to proceed all the way to the building sites. Their teams were taken over by soldiers at some distance away from these sites. [ ] gravel, field stone and timber being unloaded at the Parta and Sannihal railroad stations. (5)

Deta.

10. While visiting in Deta (Y 18/Y 97) in late August 1951, [ ] 25X1

25X1 [ ] any Rumanian or Soviet soldiers in the town. The militia office was located in a three-story building in the central sector of the city, beside the church. The Securitate Office was also located nearby.

Iohanisfeld and Giulvaz.

11. While visiting in Iohanisfeld (R 16/Y 69), [ ] a small Rumanian border guard unit billeted in a private house. The soldiers were

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green patches and green cap bands and carried rifles and submachine guns. In the spring of 1951, a small detachment of the Rumanian border guard troops was also stationed at Ciulvaz (R 16/Y 79).

Cebza.

12. [redacted] 25X1  
Rumanian soldiers dug an extensive fire trench near Cebza (R 16/Y 89). No detailed information was available.

Oradea Mare.

13. While waiting for the departure of her train for Germany at the Oradea Mare (R 48/P 55) railroad station from 17 to 19 September 1951, [redacted] 25X1  
troop transports passing the railroad station in the direction of Arad at intervals of about 30 minutes during the night. The trains consisted of 40 to 50 cars. About two thirds of the cars were flatcars, the rest were boxcars. Most of the trains were loaded with trucks and passenger cars, which appeared to be new. Because of their uniforms, the soldiers in the boxcars were believed to belong to the Rumanian Army. An unidentified number of the trains were loaded with guns camouflaged with branches. No Soviet transports or tank shipments were seen.
14. On the evening of 16 September 1951, a train with three sleeping-cars, carrying officers wearing uniforms [redacted] was observed 25X1  
at the railroad station. While traveling through Czechoslovakia later, [redacted] these officers were Czechs. [redacted] 25X1  
seven-day maneuvers were to be held on the western border of Rumania in the first half of September 1951. Czech officers were to participate in these maneuvers.

Soviet and Rumanian Troops in Arad.

15. In July 1951, an old barracks installation, located on the northern perimeter of Arad and near the main railroad station on a northbound thoroughfare, was occupied by a Soviet unit. It was surrounded by an old iron latticework fence. An unidentified section of the installation was destroyed. There was a large square near the barracks installation. The soldiers wore brown uniforms, red-bordered epaulets and garrison caps. Training in firing was observed in the barracks yard. No heavy weapons were seen.
16. In the summer of 1951, [redacted] the Arad castle was occupied by a Soviet unit. [redacted] Soviet troops in the town in September 1951.
17. Another barracks installation, which was constructed in 1943, was located north of the castle, on the northern bank of the Muresul River. It consisted of three four-story buildings, which were not fenced. In July 1951, a Rumanian [redacted] unit in this installation. (6)
18. In August 1951, Rumanian units held maneuvers near Clogovat (R 16/U 15). The soldiers were billeted in private houses in Clogovat and other villages. The equipment of the troops included long-barreled guns drawn by two or four horses. In August 1951, [redacted] cantonment buildings were set up on the Arad corn market-place, south of the central sector of the town to quarter the labor service personnel.

Periam.

19. [redacted] Periam (R 74) was occupied by Soviet [redacted]

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troops in June 1951, was no longer certain of this fact. She stated that she heard soldiers speaking Rumanian. The troops, who arrived when the resettlement of the civilian population was started, were billeted in vacated schools and in the cloister. However, [ ] the soldiers working on the construction of the bridge near Periam Port, about 3 km northeast of Periam, were Soviets.

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[ ] Comments.

- (1) A previous report stated that the requisitioned houses in the northeastern sector of the city, on Bulv. Eroii-Dela-Stalingrad, were also occupied by Soviet dependents. [ ] It is fairly definitely believed that the tank units [ ] were Soviet units from the former Artillery and Cavalry Barracks in Timisoara.
- (2) It is believed that the barracks installation [ ] the former Artillery and Cavalry Barracks, which are occupied by Soviet tank troops. [ ] The presence of Soviet tanks in the Jagdwald has been previously reported. [ ]
- (3) This confirms a previous report which stated that a border guard unit was located in Jimbolia. [ ]
- (4) According to various reports, numerous towns in the Banat border area were occupied by Rumanian Army units during the summer of 1951. It is believed that these units were used to construct border fortifications and mainly to help with the harvest because there was a shortage of civilian labor in this area due to the resettlements. The movement of army troops to Pecul Nou, to help with the harvest as mentioned in the present report, supports this theory.
- (5) Previous reports stated that field fortifications and pill boxes were constructed on the Yugoslav border near other towns.
- (6) The statements of the present report on Soviet troops largely coincide with a previous report of July 1951. The Arad castle is believed to be occupied by a medium tank regiment. According to a previous report, Arad was not occupied by Rumanian troops, except for militia. [ ]

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